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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY ACCRA
AMEMBASSY COTONOU
AMCONSUL DOUALA
AMEMBASSY FREETOWN
AMCONSUL IBADAN
AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEMBASSY LOME
AMCONSUL KADUNA
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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF AF/W POSTS

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1. INSPECTION OF AF/W POSTS IS NOW SCHEDULED ON THE
FOLLOWING ITINERARY: CHAD: FEB. 7-11, NIGERIA:
FEB.7-MAR.5, TOGO: MAR. 7-12, BENIN: MAR. 7-12,
GHANA: MAR. 14-21, IVORY COAST: MAR. 23-APR. 11,
SIERRA LEONE: MAR. 27-31.

2. MEMBERS OF AF/W INSPECTION TEAM ARE SENIOR INSPECTOR

TERRELL E. ARNOLD, SENIOR INSPECTOR, SHELDON J. KRY'S, JAMES M. THORSON, VIRGINIA WEYRES AND ALBERT WILLIAMS. FULL TEAM WILL INSPECT NIGERIA, GHANA AND THE IVORY COAST. INSPECTION TEAM FOR CHAD AND BENIN WILL BE ARNOLD, THORSON AND WILLIAMS INSPECTION TEAM FOR TOGO AND SIERRA LEONE WILL BE ARNOLD, KRY'S AND WEYRES.

3. FOR N'DJAMENA: SENIOR INSPECTOR ARNOLD, WILLIAMS AND THORSON NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE N'DJAMENA FROM PARIS ON UTA 771, FEB. 6 AT 2350. TEAM HAS RESERVATIONS TO DEPART FOR LAGOS VIA DOUALA ON UY 793

FEB. 12 AT 1510. TEAM UNDERSTANDS IT MAY ALSO BE FEASIBLE TO TRAVEL BY ROAD FROM N'DJAMENA TO KADUNA; IF SO, THIS ALTERNATIVE PREFERRED AND CAN BE CONFIRMED ON ARRIVAL N'DJAMENA.

4. FOR LAGOS: ON PRESENT ITINERARY, KRY'S AND WEYRES WILL ARRIVE FROM PARIS ON UTA 781, FEB. 6 AT 1740. THEY WILL REMAIN IN LAGOS THROUGH FEB. 7 FOR CONSULTATIONS ON CONSTITUENT POST MATTERS PRIOR TO INSPECTION KADUNA FEB. 8-10 AND IBADAN FEB. 13-14. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO MAKE AIR AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR KADUNA AND IBADAN ACCORDINGLY. SENIOR INSPECTOR ARNOLD, WILLIAMS AND THORSON NOW SCHEDULED ARRIVE LAGOS ON WT 632 FROM DOUALA, FEB. 13 AT 2230. INSPECTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY WITH FULL TEAM WILL BEGIN ON FEB. 15. FULL TEAM WILL DEPART LAGOS FOR COTONOU AND LOME ON GH551, MAR. 6 AT 1045. WACASC WILL ALSO BE INSPECTED.

5. FOR COTONOU: SENIOR INSPECTOR ARNOLD, WILLIAMS AND THORSON WILL ARRIVE ON GH551 MARCH 6 AT 1105 ARNOLD WILL WORK WITH TEAM THROUGH MAR. 7-8 AND DEPART TO JOIN OTHER HALF OF TO JOIN OTHER TEAM IN LOME. AS MUCH TRAVEL AS POSSIBLE THROUGH THIS PART OF INSPECTION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY CAR. POSTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF DETAILS FROM LAGOS. WILLIAMS AND THORSON NOW SCHEDULED TO DEPART MARCH 13 ON GH551 FOR ACCRA.

6. FOR LOME: INSPECTORS KRY'S AND WEYRES ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON GH551, MAR. 6 AT 1100. ARNOLD WILL JOIN TEAM ON MARCH 9, PROBABLY ARRIVING VIA CAR FROM COTONOU TEAM WILL DEPART MARCH 13 ON GH551 FOR ACCRA.

7. FOR ACCRA: FULL TEAM WILL ARRIVE MARCH 13 ON GH551 AT 1200. THIS MAY BE CHANGED TO TRAVEL BY CAR; POST WILL BE NOTIFIED WELL IN ADVANCE. TEAM WILL DEPART

FOR ABIDJAN MARCH 22 ON GH548 AT 1130. THIS PART
OF TRIP MAY ALSO BE ARRANGED BY CAR.

8. FOR ABIDJAN: FULL TEAM NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE
FROM ACCRA MARCH 22 ON GH548 AT 1215. IF DECISION
REACHED TO MAKE THIS PORTION OF TRIP BY CAR, POST
WILL BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DURING ABIDJAN
PHASE OF INSPECTION, TEAM MEMBERS KRY'S AND WEYRES
WILL BE DETACHED FOR INSPECTION SIERRA LEONE, DEPART-
ING FOR FREETOWN ON MARCH 27 AND RETURNING TO ABIDJAN
ON APRIL 1. SENIOR INSPECTOR ARNOLD WILL JOIN KRY'S
AND WEYRES ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30. FULL TEAM NOW

SCHEDULED DEPART ABIDJAN FOR PARIS APRIL 11 ON RK26
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AT 0800.

9. FOR FREETOWN: INSPECTORS KRY'S AND WEYRES NOW
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE FROM ABIDJAN MARCH 27 ON GH540
AT 1405. AS NOTED ABOVE, SENIOR INSPECTOR ARNOLD
WILL JOIN THEM ON MARCH 30. TEAM WILL RETURN ABIDJAN
APRIL 1 ON UT825, DEPARTING FREETOWN 1625.

10. TEAM REQUESTS ADVICE OF EACH POST ON MOST SUIT-
ABLE ACCOMMODATIONS. PREFERENCE IS FOR SINGLE ROOMS IN
COMFORTABLE HOTELS, BUT UNDERSTAND GOVERNMENT QUARTERS
MAY BE BEST CHOICE FOR LAGOS, POSSIBLY ELSEWHERE.
WHERE AVAILABLE HOTEL ROOMS ARE LIKELY TO COST NEAR
TOTAL PER DIEM RATE, PLEASE ADVISE SO THAT ARRANGE-
MENTS CAN BE MADE FOR OCCUPANCY ON ACTUAL COST BASIS.

11. THE TEAM REQUESTS THAT THE FIRST DAY SCHEDULE AT
EACH POST INCLUDE (A) A CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR OR
PRINCIPAL OFFICER (B) A WALK-THROUGH OF POST FACIL-
ITIES , CONDUCTED IF POSSIBLE BY THE DCM; AND (C)
A MEETING WITH ALL STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND
HEADS OF OTHER US AGENCIES REPRESENTED. THIS MEETING
MAY ALSO INCLUDE ANY OTHER AMERICAN PERSONNEL AS
POST CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE. IT IS DESIGNED TO GIVE
POST LEADERSHIP AND PERSONNEL AN OVERALL VIEW OF THE
INSPECTION AND TO GIVE THE INSPECTORS A BROAD INITIAL
IMPRESSION OF EACH POST. THE ORDER OF EVENTS IS UP
TO THE AMBASSADOR OR THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER, ALTHOUGH
IT IS HELPFUL TO HAVE THEIR BRIEFINGS AS A STARTING
POINT FOR THE INSPECTION.

12. FOR ACCRA, ABIDJAN, FREETOWN: INSPECTORS RECOGNIZE
THEIR SCHEDULE CONFLICTS WITH YAOUNDE ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.
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INSPECTORS WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE AS MUCH
AS POSSIBLE THE INTERESTS OF AMBASSADORS IN HAVING
THEIR OFFICERS COVER PORTIONS OF THIS CONFERENCE.

13. POST ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS
BY PRIORITY CABLE IF THERE ARE SERIOUS PROBLEMS
WITH INSPECTION SCHEDULES OR ARRANGEMENTS.
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